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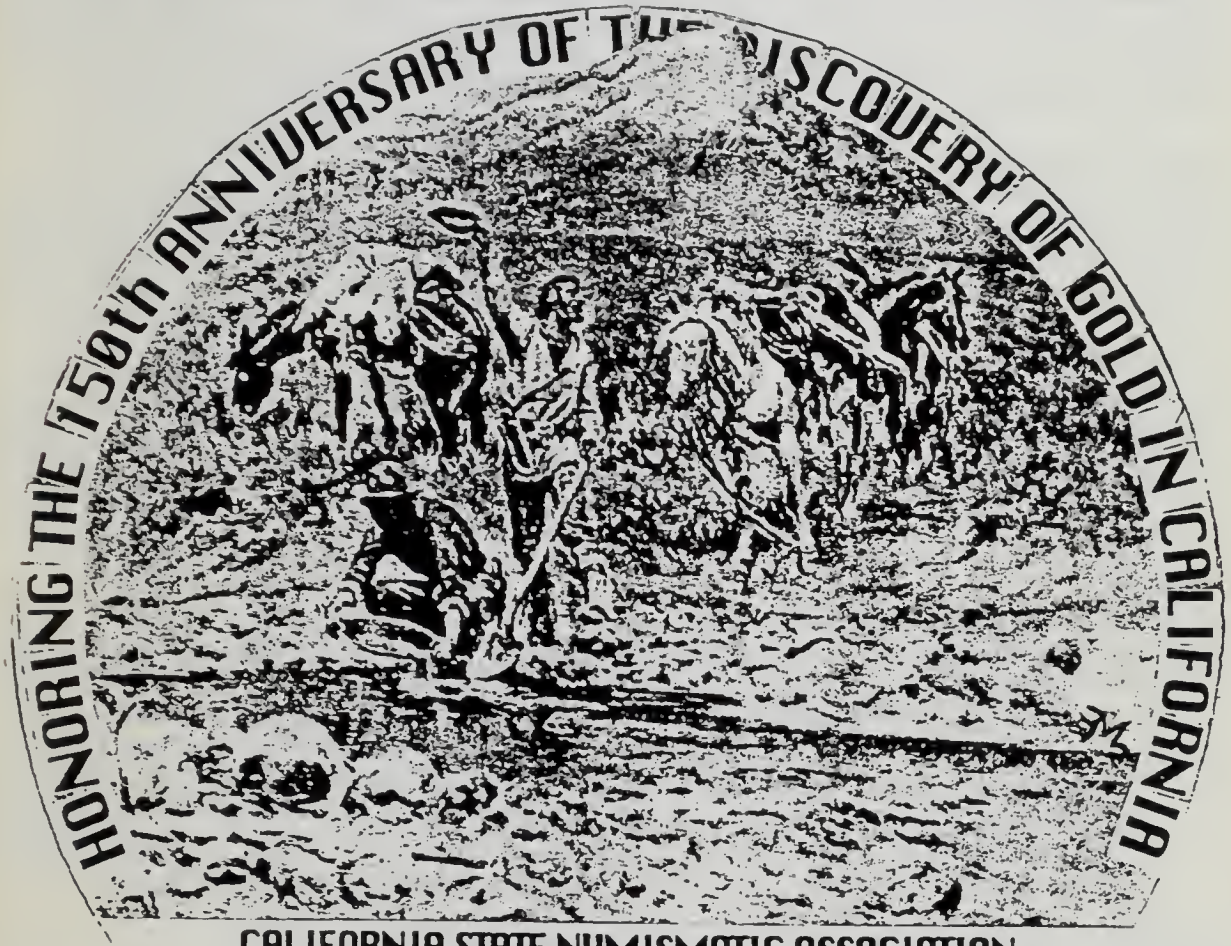

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BY JOEL ANDERSON

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30th SYMPOSIUM FEATURES FOUR GREAT PROGRAMS AND THE MEDAL OF MERIT

The California State Numismatic Association presented its 30th annual Educational Symposium and Exhibits on Saturday, March 14, 1998 in Fullerton, California. As has been the tradition, a large contingent of numismatists traveled all the way from San Diego to attend. The audience included Ruth Mitchell, the presidents of the CSNA, the NASC and the California Exonumist Association, ANA Governor Kay Lenker and the ANA Regional Representative, Dr Walter Ostromecki.

After a greeting to the folks in attendance by CSNA Vice President Bill Grant, Dr Thomas Fitzgerald introduced the first speaker. Former CSNA President David W Lange is now Director of Research for the NGC, one of the world's most important grading and authentication firms located in New Jersey. Lange told the story of his dramatic change from a collector and hobbyist in San Francisco to being a full time professional numismatist for a large corporation. "The first thing I had to do", he commented, "was to acquire an extensive library". Lange was dealing with a large number of very valuable and rare coins, had to know their pedigree and be able to defend their rarity. " I thought I knew a lot about coins until I had to become an expert on all series of United States coins and patterns," he said. Lange reported that it was a thrill to hold these coins in his hands in order to examine them. The audience was treated to a special slide show of many of these rare coins including the 1913 nickel, 1870-S half dime and two 1804 dollars.

James Miller, publisher of *Coinage Magazine* followed. He brought back so many memories as he recounted the days of silver in our coinage, how collectors were blamed for the coin shortage of 1965 and the reaction of the mint officials. "Do you remember the special mint sets and no proof sets of 1965, 66 and 67?" he asked. Miller told about the beginnings of grading and authentication, the growth of the Numismatic Literary Guild and some of the important numismatists of that time. He told how his magazine appears on many newsstands with a huge diversity of readership. At the end of his talk, Miller gave a number of suggestions to improve the hobby and increase the number of collectors. He particularly pointed out the need and importance of exhibiting.

Prior to lunch, Kay Lenker recognized the exhibits that remain an important part of the Symposium. This year, these included a very special ANA exhibit, a display of the American-Jewish Hall of Fame Medals and a set of Symposium Programs shared by Angus Bruce.

Lee Kuntz took over the microphone and presented the CSNA's Medal of Merit to a surprised and delighted Dr Tom Fitzgerald. Lee had made a cardboard enlargement of the medal to hang around Fitzgerald's neck so that all in attendance could see it. As Tom responded, he told the audience what a great honor this was and particularly to be associated with such a magnificent group of former recipients. He invited all of them to stand and be recognized.

Following the luncheon, Jim Rawls was introduced. He told stories of the battles of Antietam and Gettysburg, of President Lincoln, and Generals Jackson, Lee and Grant. His sense of humor and little known tidbits were a delight to all. Jim closed by making a point of the tragedy of the war and the staggering number of casualties. His topics were accompanied with a slide showing the half dollar that memorialized the battle or person.

The young numismatists in attendance, who had been treated to lunch by the NASC, were at this time presented books and coins by Ann Wisslead. These items had been donated by individuals, coin clubs and corporations.

The fourth and final speaker, Mel Wacks, told of the series of medals created to honor those individuals inducted into the American Jewish Hall of Fame in Berkeley. Wacks was particularly proud of the individual artists who had engraved these medals. Included were Paul Vincze, Jacques Schnier (Bay Bridge Comm), Marika Somogyi (Mt Rushmore Comm Dollar) and Alex Shagin, whose latest medal for the Hall of Fame was a Barbara Streisand piece. Mel accompanied his talk with slides showing each medal he described.

At the end of the day, Phil Iversen acted as moderator as those in the audience asked questions of the four speakers. Many reported it was one of the most enjoyable symposiums they've attended. Jack Hook from San Diego said, "I think this years CSNA Symposium at Fullerton was the best yet."

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The Editor wishes to thank the CSNA Director of Education, Dr Thomas Fitzgerald, for his report on the 30th annual Symposium. Congratulations are also in order as Tom joins our honored Medal of Merit recipients. CSNA has honored thirty-four members with this recognition since 1956.

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Stories of the discovery of gold in California gradually reached the Eastern United States. In December, 1848, President Polk included official dispatches in his message to Congress. "The accounts of the abundance of gold in that territory are of such an extraordinary character as would scarcely command belief were they not corroborated by the authentic reports of officers in the public service." Within a month eager gold seekers chartered more than 60 ships and weighed anchor for California.

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WHO'S WHO ?
IN CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATICS

by Theresa Lund

GORDON DONNELL

Born in St Louis, Missouri, September 29, 1935, to Walter and Vera Donnell, Gordon grew up in the city by the Mississippi. He went to Hadley Technical High School and concentrated on auto mechanics. Over the years Gordon has traveled around the country from one job to another and has worked as a painter, gardener and chauffeur.

Growing up in the 30's—40's and 50's, he saw many varieties of coins in circulation. IIe says that he always saved any old coins found in circulation and would sell them to help finance his trips. Somewhere along the years, the collecting bug apparently "bit" and Gordon says "I collect wooden money, elongates, Pan Pacific and GGIE items, commemoratives and coin club medals. Well basically, I collect anything and every thing"

Joining CSNA in 1988 as member #5161, he later converted his membership to life status and holds LM #42-2. He is currently serving on the CSNA Board of Directors representing the North. Gordon also holds membership in the American Numismatic Association and is an ANA District Delegate. He is currently President of the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), and is a past president International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors.

Gordon Donnell has received numerous awards and recognition over the years. He is the recipient of the ANA Presidential Award, IOWMC Don Major Award, TEC Merit Award, NCNA Ron Miller Memorial Award and most recently the ANA 1997 Outstanding District Delegate of the Year Award.

Recognized in the "northern part of the state" as one of its most active hobbyists, he belongs to 20 plus local coin clubs and 11 exonumia groups. Not content with membership alone, Gordon is a regular speaker, sharing his collecting interests with various clubs. He is President of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and the San Francisco Coin Club; Vice-President, Historian (and founder) of Western Wooden Money Club; Treasurer of the Liberty Numismatic Society; Historian of the San Jose Coin Club; a past president of the Alameda Coin Club and is now serving as its Secretary. This writer feels that there are probably numerous other offices held and other projects worked on.

Gordon Donnell keeps busy attending ten or more club meetings every month. He also goes to conventions and as many coin shows as possible. He exhibits regularly at all types of numismatic events and has won exhibit awards at most of them. Gordon says that he sells raffle tickets for most of the local coin club shows and publicizes them on his meeting rounds. Most recently, Gordon put together a computer listing of all northern California Coin Clubs . He keeps the list updated with all pertinent club information and makes copies available at shows and meetings.

Well done Gordon....but don't you ever rest?????

THROUGH THE NUMISMATIC GLASS

BY DR THOMAS F FITZGERALD

THE FIFTY YEAR HISTORY OF CSNA---PART FOUR

The Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco was the site of the 36th Semi-Annual Convention. Hosted by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (celebrating their 50th Anniversary), the event was held May 6-9, 1965. The General Chairman was Milton C Strauch. Dan Harley was installed as President by Herbert M Bergen.

The San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council hosted the 37th Convention. Members gathered at the El Cortez Hotel in San Diego on November 4-7, 1965. Al Baber served as General Chairman. In this writers opinion, this, along with the 35th Semi-Annual Convention, was one of the more important gatherings in the history of the CSNA. At this meeting, Charles Kappen proposed a reprint of Calcoin News articles similar to the ANA reprints.

CSNA CONVENTION MEDAL SERIES

At the 35th Disneyland Convention, the Orange County Coin Club had received permission to strike special medals carrying the CSNA logo. The San Diego Clubs had a very successful medal program for their coinarama. At one of the planning meetings for the 37th CSNA event, Aage Andersen reported, "You all saw our recent coinarama medal. Well let me say—this one will be equally beautiful". The obverse depicted the famous Cabrillo National Monument. One of the tours during the convention was a visit to the site.

Thus began the regular series of medals issued by the CSNA for each subsequent semi-annual convention. A complete listing of these medals from 1964 through 1996, including the number struck, design and metallic content may be found on pages 20-21, Winter, 1996 issue of Calcoin News: Vol 50, No 4.

Del Webb's Towne House Hotel, Fresno was the site of the 38th Convention April 14-17, 1966. The Fresno Numismatic Society (celebrating its 20th Anniversary) hosted the semi-annual gathering of the membership. S Everett Phillips was the General Chairman.

Co- Chairs Sylvia Novack and Nona Moore were in charge of the 39th Convention held at the Mission Inn Hotel, Riverside. The November 3-6, 1966 event was hosted by the San Bernardino County Coin Club.

The 40th Semi-Annual Convention was held April 13-16, 1967 in Sacramento. The site was the Sacramento Inn and the General Chairman was Darvin (Ace) Reiswig. The Sacramento Valley Coin Club hosted the event and Charles V Kappen was installed CSNA President. At this convention it was decided that future elections, starting in the Spring, 1969, would be held by mail ballot.

The Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, was the site of the 41st Convention held November 2-5, 1967. The Santa Ana and Garden Grove Clubs shared the host spotlight, and William O Wisslead served as General Chairman.

THE CSNA ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

An important announcement appeared in the Winter-1969 issue of Calcoin News: "the long-planned and long-awaited CSNA Symposium with Maurice M Gould as Chairman will be held in Long Beach, March 22," the communiqué announced. With this message began the annual forums that included invitational exhibits as well as educational programs.

The story began almost two years earlier. At the November, 1967, Convention in Anaheim, the possibility of an educational symposium was first discussed. The purpose of the symposium was to provide an interesting and instructive series of lectures by leading numismatists from Canada, Mexico and the United States. It was to be a day devoted to education—there was to be no bourse, trading or sales. Maurice Gould, who had just relocated from Boston in 1966, was asked to organize the event. At the San Francisco Convention in 1968, Gould reported his plan and, backed by President Kappen, the sponsorship was voted by the board. The initial symposium was held at the Walter H Boyd Auditorium in Long Beach on March 22, 1969. The four speakers included Major Sheldon Carroll from Canada (Building a National Numismatic Collection), Adna G Wilde Jr (Coinage of Siam), Ralph Mitchell (Exonumia-A Numismatic Orphan comes of Age) and Miguel Munoz from Mexico (Augustin Itrubide-The First Emperor of Mexico 1821-23).

The CSNA Symposium is recognized throughout the United States as one of the most remarkable numismatic events each year. The list of speakers has included some of the most knowledgeable and brilliant numismatists of this century.

The just completed forum was the 30th annual Symposium . All of them took place in the Los Angeles area with the exception of the 7th Symposium (1975) which was held in San Diego. There have been five Chairmen: Maurice Gould, William O Wisslead, Albert Baber, Bryan O Burke and Dr Tom Fitzgerald. A complete history with a chronological list of the programs and speakers for the first twenty-five years may be found in Vol 47, Spring and Summer Issues of Calcoin News.

John D Sears was the General Chairman for the 42nd Semi Annual Convention in San Francisco. The May 2-5, 1968, event was hosted by the San Francisco Coin Club and was held at the Jack Tar Hotel. During the presidency of Kappen (1967-69), the first library catalog was published.

The Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles was the location of the 43rd Convention. Held October 31-November 3, 1968, the Southern California Chapter of the Ancient Coin Club of America hosted and Ralph M Marx was the General Chairman. It was announced that in 1969 a book entitled "Money Talks" would be published. James L Betton Jr was the Chairman of the project. The 384 page book would contain the best articles that have appeared in Calcoin News since 1947.

Albert L Baber was installed as President at the 44th Convention held April 17-20, 1969 in Palo Alto. The Cabana Motor Hotel was the site and John Cobb was General Chairman.

The San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council hosted the 45th Semi Annual Convention. The Membership met at the Bahia Hotel in San Diego November 6-9, 1969. Stuart Edgerton and Francis S Jones were Co-Chairmen.

SAVE THE OLD SAN FRANCISCO MINT

The Fall-1969 issue of Calcoin News contained a letter written by CSNA member Gordon B Hunt to California Senator George Murphy. In his July 30, 1969 letter, Mr Hunt stated that Secretary Finch of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare will "shortly make a decision on the disposal of the old San Francisco Mint." He requested that the decision be delayed in order to make arrangements to use the facility as an educational institution on the order of the Smithsonian.

Mr Hunt carried on extensive correspondence with other members of congress as well as California State officials. It was reported that Hunt and his wife Shirley, mailed over 10,000 letters.

In an introduction to the letter, Calcoin News readers were asked to write Senator Murphy urging that the building be preserved and a museum created. Thus began a project in which the CSNA would play a major role over a dozen years including donations of time and talent.

The idea of a branch museum under the direction of the Smithsonian was turned down by the directors. They claimed that to put a branch in California would lead to a rash of requests elsewhere.

President Nixon announced on March 23, 1972, that the old San Francisco Mint had been transferred from the GSA to the Department of the Treasury for restoration, thanks to the influence of the CSNA and their letter writing campaign begun by Gordon B Hunt. On April 5, 1972, the old mint building was turned over to the Treasury Department. CSNA Secretary Charles Colver and President Phillips met with Mint Director Mary Brooks and Deputy Director Cahoon to discuss the possibility of placing the CSNA California Collection in the proposed Mint Museum.

Mint Director Brooks established the official opening for the "Old Mint Numismatic Museum" in San Francisco as September 17, 1974. She formally requested the CSNA to furnish appropriate displays for three rooms. Curator Bryan Burke, assisted by Randy Briggs, busily engaged in arranging this exhibit with choice material from our "California Collection". October 14 was selected for the official Mint Museum dedication. The CSNA struck special medals created by Barbara Hyde. The size was the same as the round $50 piece struck for the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition, to be followed with a medal in the shape of an Octagon $50 gold coin. Mrs Brooks was the speaker and refreshments were served by Ruth Phillips, Mary Colver and Barbara Burke.

The 46th Semi-Annual Convention was held in the Senator Hotel, Sacramento, April 24-26, 1970. Host club was the Sacramento Coin Club and the General Chairman was Darvin (Ace) Reiswig.

October 30 and November 1, 1970 was the date for the 47th convention gathering at the Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles. General Chairman was Charles Colver. Jim Betton announced that after several delays by the printers, the CSNA publication "Money Talks" was finally ready for distribution at this convention. Each copy was serially numbered and the first three copies went to the first three editors of Calcoin News: #1 Anna Marie Panosh (widow of Leonel Panosh), #2 Charles V Kappen and #3 to Lesley G Lodge.

The Fresno Numismatic Society welcomed the CSNA to Del Webb's Towne House Hotel in Fresno for the 48th convention April 16-1`8, 1971. R Paul Endler was General Chairman. S Everett Phillips was installed as President.

CALCOIN NEWS WINS RECOGNITION

Calcoin News received the "Best State or Regional Coin Publication" award from the ANA in August 1971. This was for publications issued during 1970 with Lesley G Lodge as editor.

The shocking news was announced in the Spring, 1972 issue of Calcoin News that Lesley Lodge died suddenly on January 11, 1972. Lodge had been the publications editor for 10 years. Jerry Kroeger became acting editor. Barbara Hyde became the permanent editor with the Summer, 1972, issue.

On August 26, 1973, at the Boston Convention of the ANA, Calcoin News received its second award as the "Best Regional or State Publication". Editor Hyde accepted the award for issues published during 1972. At the 85th Convention of the ANA in Florida, Calcoin News received its 3rd award (2nd in a
row) as the best state or regional numismatic publication. Barbara Hyde again accepted the honor. Many more such awards were to follow.

The 49th Convention was held at the Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica, November 5-7, 1971. Host Clubs were Bay Cities and Culver City Coin Clubs. The General Chairman was James Betton.

The Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco was the site of the 50th Semi annual gathering April 21-23, 1972. Host Club was the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and the General Chairman was Ruth Ludwigsen Phillips. It was noted that Mattie and Irving Knickerbocker and Roy Hill were attending their 50th CSNA Semi Annual Convention.....they hadn't missed any of them. Former Mint Director Eva Adams congratulated the association on the success of the campaign to save the old San Francisco Mint.

General Chairman William O Wisslead, General Chairman for the 51st gathering, organized events for November 3-5, 1972 at the Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles.

CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

Beginning in 1972, the CSNA joined with the OIN, the NASC and COIN to sponsor a series of educational programs at Cal Poly in Pomona. Scheduled for the Kellogg Conference Center for continuing education, the two or three day event featured presentations by Virgil Hancock on counterfeit detection which was a major problem at that time for collectors. A second workshop presented a series of instructions on coin grading. Charles Colver, William Wisslead and Gordon Greene organized the event. They were assisted by Ted Weissbuch from Cal Poly, an accomplished numismatist. Three seminars were held between 1972 and 1974.

The 52nd Semi-Annual Convention took place at the Leamington Hotel, Oakland April 27-29, 1973. General Chairman was Roy Hill. William O Wisslead was installed as President. Ruth Phillips (recent bride of outgoing President Everett) was the moderator at the educational forum and was chosen to fill a vacant director's position on the board.

The Sheraton Motor Hotel in Anaheim was the site of the 53rd gathering November 2-4, 1973. The Orange County Coin Club was the host and the General Chairman was Herbert M Bergen.

On April 19-21, 1974, the CSNA gathered at the Senator Hotel, Sacramento, for the 54th Semi Annual Convention. The Sacramento Valley Coin Club hosted the event and Darvin (Ace) Reiswig was General Chairman. A very surprised CSNA Secretary, Charles Colver, received the first Numismatic Ambassador award sponsored by Krause Publications. The presentation was made by Cliff Mishler on April 20. It was with sadness that CSNA noted that Roy Hill, who had died April 12th, was missing after attending the previous 53 conventions. Mattie and Irving Knickerbocker were there!

General Chairman Catharine Edgerton Lenker organized the 55th convention held at the U S Grant Hotel, San Diego, November 1-3, 1974. The San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council was the host.

Bryan Burke was installed as President at the 56th Semi-Annual Convention held April 25-27, 1975. The CSNA met at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco and were hosted by the San Francisco Coin Club. John Sears served as the General Chairman. Virginia Hall became the editor of Calcoin News with the Summer, 1975 Issue.

TO BE CONCLUDED.....

SHOWCASE: GATEWAY COIN CLUB OF MERCED COUNTY

BY THERESA LUND

The GATEWAY COIN CLUB OF MERCED COUNTY (GCC) was founded August 9,1973 and is celebrating 25 years, its silver anniversary, in the summer of 1998. Taking its name from Merced's claim to fame as the "Gateway" to Yosemite National Park, the first thirty members to join are recognized as "Charter Members". Four charter members, Jim Stofle, Bill Jones, Ron Lund and Mel Di Bella, are still associated with the club. Two of them, Bill Jones (#3) and Ron Lund (#4), have been active and held continuous membership for all twenty-five years.

Gateway's objectives are "to provide the members with the opportunity to share a mutual interest in the collecting of numismatic items, thereby becoming more knowledgeable, all with much enjoyment". From the beginning the Club has been a family oriented group evidenced by the number of Junior (under sixteen years of age) members and the family groups who joined.

Club activities over the years have included education programs as well as fun events. Members have used Bid-Boards (a type of silent auction); Buy-Sell-Trade activities and regular auctions to add to their collections. They have enjoyed Bingo for coins, raffles, door prize drawings and various contests such as "Dog-Eat-Dog" and Numismatic Cakes and Cookies. The group has also ventured out of the San Joaquin Valley to tour the U S Mint and old San Francisco Mint Museum in San Francisco; the Carson City Mint in Nevada and various coin shows. Highlights of the year include the "all-day" summer picnic and the Holiday Banquet in December.

Within the Community, club members have celebrated National Coin Week with exhibits in the Library, financial institutions and the Senior Center; placed numismatic reference books in the public and numerous school libraries and decorated a "numismatic" Christmas tree for the annual "Christmas in the Courthouse Museum" exhibit. They have participated in events such as the Farmer's Market, school activities, Antique Fly-In and community booths to publicize the club, its activities and coin collecting.

GCC has held 22 coin shows in the open courtyard of the Merced Mall and featured bourse activities, exhibits and raffle prizes. In 1998, Gateway steps away from the Mall and plans to hold the 25th Anniversary Coin & Collectible Show, June 14, at the Merced Community Senior Center.

In 1989 the club launched a Medals Project which has successfully issued ten medals. A contest is held each October to select the design for the following years medal. Members submit designs that depict some aspect of Merced County History. Member ballot selects the winner and the designer receives the lead strike, the defaced die, Silver Medal #1 and "all bragging rights". The reverse of the medal is the club logo which features the historic Merced County Courthouse (now the Museum for the Historical Society).

Current club officers are Lila Anderson (President); Doyce Harmer (Vice-President); Beverly Hills (Secretary); and Ron Lund (Treasurer). F M "Doodle" Wilson is in charge of setting up the meeting site; John Hoffman edits the monthly newsletter and Theresa Lund is the Historian. An anniversary booklet of the Clubs twenty-five years will be available to members and friends in August of this year. The cost has not been established as of this writing.

The Gateway Coin Club of Merced County meets the First and Third Thursday of each month in the Community Room of Glendale Federal Bank (19th & M Streets). Meetings begin at 7:15PM.

SAN DIEGO OFFERS SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG NUMISMATISTS

BY JACK HOOK

The Coin clubs in San Diego County are members of THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY INTER-CLUB NUMISMATIC COUNCIL to coordinate and promote cooperation among the clubs. The Council's activities include an annual COINARAMA and the EXPO at the San Diego County Fair.

This writer became involved because I enjoy working with kids. I owe this to Betty Young who was responsible for getting me interested in working with youngsters. Also, I volunteered five years ago to take my mother-in-law, who was 97 years old, into our home and to take her to coin club meetings with my wife and me. SHE is still going strong and will be 103 in May. However, she is no longer able to go to the meetings but it gives me an excellent excuse to get out of the house several times each month to attend all the coin club meetings and shows.

First, permit me to suggest a few ideas I believe are important if one is to be successful in this endeavor. YOU MUST……

1. **ENJOY COLLECTING COINS AND HAVE A STRONG DESIRE TO PASS ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION.**

2. **HAVE THE BACKING OF ALL THE COIN CLUBS IN YOUR AREA (or your Club's membership) AND HAVE THEIR HELP IN THE BOOTHS AND AT ANY OTHER EVENTS THAT MIGHT ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS.**

3. **HOLD CLUB MEETINGS THAT ARE EDUCATIONAL, STIMULATING AND INTERESTING TO THE YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE. WE MUST LEARN TO TALK ON THE KIDS LEVEL AND ENCOURAGE THEM AND THEIR PARENTS.**

COIN CLUB MEETINGS

In January, 1996, I started a new program to educate the kids at the club meetings. It works as follows: I give all young numismatists in attendance a coin in a sealed envelope. They are instructed to open it only after they return to their homes. Their assignment is to give a two minute talk on that coin at the next club meeting which gives them a month to study the coin and prepare their report. Following their talk, they are given the coin to add to their collection and another sealed envelope so they can repeat the process the following month.

Coins used for this program come from my collection and include dollars (Morgan, Peace, Eisenhower, and Susan B Anthony); Half and quarter dollars; dimes; nickels and cents. A lot of the coins are circulated but I also utilize proof and mint sets as well as other items. From the above list, it is apparent that the needed information is readily available in the Red Book. I also use foreign crowns donated by Chuck Luce. I started with just three kids among the clubs and I now have 26 involved as I go to all seven club meetings.

THE SAN DIEGO EXPO (COUNTY FAIR)

As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, The San Diego Inter-Club Numismatic Council coordinates the numismatic exhibit at the Expo. Each club takes their turn to preside at the information booth giving them an excellent opportunity to promote the hobby. We have a contest for young numismatists (14 years and younger). Every youngster receives a wooden nickel or a foreign coin, and if they are interested in coin collecting, they are given a free membership in the club of their choice.

THE COINARAMA

Our annual Coinarama is like most other coin shows with one very important exception. A number of tables in the back of the room are set up for the junior numismatists. This table has grown from just one table to five at the 1996 show. We call it the "COINS for KIDS" and we really promote it! To do this, we are all indebted to Jean Luce and her computer. Mrs Luce makes signs on her computer such as: "Coins for Kids Table", "Draw a Coin Contest", "Free Foreign Coins" etc. Plenty of colorful balloons, streamers, posters and signs make the tables very attractive as well as eye catching. We have a goodly number of foreign coins piled on the front table.

Many parents browse at the coin show while we entertain and educate their kids... but we don't mind! Of course, the dealers love this. Children are not spilling drinks and candy at the tables and their parents can buy coins.

Some of the items we now have at the table include foreign coins and bank notes, the Krause catalogs, plenty of crayons and color pencils, appropriate paper to draw coin designs, clothes lines and pins to hang up the kids drawings. We also have some prizes including mint and proof sets, Whitman folders, Red and Blue books, grading books, Disney dollars, silver certificates and any other numismatic items that children will like or fancy and that will perhaps kindle a collecting flame.

How do we promote it? We place signs and balloons at the reception desk and at the doorway of the bourse room advertising the "Kids Table" at the back of the room. The youngsters first spot the large pile of foreign coins and their eyes light up when they are told that they can select eight of them (we try to make sure they pick coins from eight different countries). They are next <u>REQUIRED</u> to look up each coin in the Krause catalog, locate the country on a world map and then they can keep all eight coins. We have adults to assist those having any difficulties, so all kids can be

successful. The very young are encouraged to select coins with pictures of animals, buildings or machines such as airplanes, locomotives etc. We can keep them busy from 30 minutes to a full hour.

Next, we encourage them to enter our "Draw a Coin" contest. Pictures are judged every hour and we award prizes to the first, second and third places in three different age groups. We make sure that each child wins some prize. Prizes range from $5 "Coins for Kids Certificates" that are spendable at any bourse dealer's table to many of the numismatic items mentioned above.

How do we get all these things to give to the kids? Everyone starts small but you will be surprised how it will grow. Get a clear plastic box and visit the clubs and dealers. Place this box on the president's table at club meetings with a large sign that says "Coins for Kids". A "clear" box allows members to see that others are supporting this project by donating items. This will soon add up! Of course, you will have to attend the meetings and promote the box. You will be surprised how generous collectors are. Dealers are most generous too, as long as you keep a good relationship them and show that the coins are truly going to young numismatists. Only one person should solicit from a dealer.

Each of our seven area clubs donate one of the "Coins for Kids Lucky Bucks" for $5 and we also permit a few dealers to purchase one. Many of the dealers want to buy ten or more but we believe it is better to make the certificates "special" and not spoil a good thing. We thank the dealers, but let them know one is all they can sponsor. Of course they can donate Whitman folders, Red and Blue books, foreign coins etc. The "Lucky Bucks" have the donor's name on the front and the winners name on the back.

When a youngster wins a "Lucky Buck", I try to follow them around the bourse. When they spend it, I snap a picture of the child and the dealer. I redeem the "Lucky Buck" and let the dealer keep it with the photo. Many dealers mount these and hang them in their places of business. This is really good publicity and good public relations for our program!

Who will be working at the Kids Table? Every club probably has members who would be willing to take their turn. Sometimes it requires seven of us to keep up with the kids. After the coin show, I choose the best coin drawings and the best photographs and make up two large "story boards". I take and show them to the dealers and I also take them to all seven San Diego Clubs. As the program grows, everyone gets more generous. We now have a nice inventory, including a number of Krause catalogs etc.

The bottom line is the kids leave the show with a big smile, the parents are happy because they could talk with and purchase coins, the dealers are happy because they didn't have to deal with the youngsters while talking to the adults and who knows....we may have added some future collectors and numismatists to our hobby!!!!

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SPANISH EMPIRE COINS IN GUAM- PART TWO

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INTRODUCTION OF COINAGE

In the early 1700s, the Superior Government of Manila issued a document that recommended, in part, that coinage be introduced into the Marianas since the lack of currency was supposedly the principal cause of certain problems or ills that needed correction. In 1706, the Very Reverend Gerardo Bowens, S J, Vice Provincial of the Marianas' Mission, commented on the document and indicated that it was not clear to him how such ills as oppression and injustice could be corrected by introducing coinage. The reverend father went on to state that the oppression and injustices inflicted on the Chamorros could be corrected by: not working them excessively; not abusing them; and not compensating them with money, but with items such as "bolos" (machetes), "carajayes" (iron frying pans) and other tools and ornaments that would be of use to them.

The attempt to introduce coinage into Guam in the early 1700s was unsuccessful. Coinage was eventually introduced into Guam but not because it was mandated by government officials in Manila, but because of the start-up of various economic activities as well as the need for a medium of exchange as Guam's contacts with the outside world increased. These contacts were primarily through the Philippines. For example, there were frequent personnel transfers and visits (involving Spaniards, Filipinos, Mexicans, and South Americans) between the Philippines and Guam. Also, supplies for the colony in Guam often came from the Philippines. And last but not least, Guam was initially ruled as a colony separate from the Philippines but its administration was transferred from the Viceroy of Mexico to the Governor-General of the Philippines in 1817. Because of these links between Guam and the Philippines, it can be deduced that the coinage used in the Philippines was also used in Guam during the Spanish era. Although Spain and the Philippines played dominant roles in introducing coinage into Guam, visiting ships from other countries also imported money into Guam.

COUNTERSTAMPED COINS

The first coinage used by the general populace on a large scale in both colonies were counterstamped coins. On October 31, 1828, the Governor-General of the Philippines inaugurated the counterstamping of Spanish-American coins during the reign of Spain's Ferdinand VII (1808 to 1833). Use of the first counterstamps (between 1828 and 1830) was politically rather than economically motivated.

Because of the numerous coins minted in the newly formed republics such as Mexico, Bolivia and Peru that bore slogans pertaining to freedom and liberty, Spanish officials became concerned regarding the influence these coins would have on their subjects in their colonies in the Philippines and Guam. Hence, the early counterstamps were serrated designs that were intended to obliterate the lettering around the rims of coins from the former Spanish-American colonies. King Ferdinand's counterstamp "F.7" was implemented in 1830. This counterstamp was retired in 1834 after the death of Ferdinand VII and was replaced by "Y-II", a counterstamp for Isabel II, Spain's monarch from 1833-1868.

Consequently, during the period 1828 to 1837, foreign money was imported into Guam and the Philippines from the insurgent republics of Spanish-America (primarily Mexico, Bolivia and Peru). Large quantities of silver coin were counterstamped by Spanish officials in Manila as "coin of the realm". The Mexican 8-reales piece was the predominate coin counterstamped. Note that silver coins became Philippine colonial coinage upon being counterstamped. Many of the coins counterstamped by the Spaniards also bore chopmarks. A chopmark was a counterstamp by either a Chinese merchant or banker. The Chinese placed chopmarks on silver coins as a defense against counterfeit coins as a chopmark authenticated a coin as being genuine.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

The use of the counterstamped coinage in Guam coincided with a period of economic reform instituted by Governor Francisco Ramon de Villalobos (1831 to 1837). Villalobos established new economic policies that allowed for private enterprise. For example, he implemented the collection of port fees from visiting ships and initiated the production of articles for export including dyewood, indigo, tortise shell, mother-of-pearl, and arrowroot. Additionally, Villalobos changed the name of the "governor's store" (which had been in existence since the late 17th century) to "government store" and discontinued the governor's monopoly on the store.

Port visits by whaling ships (primarily American and British) also spawned economic activity. Starting in 1823, whalers stopped in Guam for thirty or more days for ship repairs, to take on water and provisions, and for rest and recreation. Approximately thirty to sixty whalers stopped in Guam and Saipan each year. Each whaling vessel spent about 600 pesos during each port visit and the whalers expended a total of 40,000 pesos per year. Selling provisions, "aquardiente" (locally distilled liquor), other local products, imported articles and providing entertainment to the whalers were the primary sources of income for local residents during the 1840s. The commercial activity generated by the whalers was short lived, however. It lasted only thirty years (between the 1820s and 1850s) as the whaling vessels switched their port visits to New Zealand and Hawaii in order to follow the whale to other feeding grounds.

PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY

Spanish officials issued an order to halt the counterstamping of foreign coins in 1837. Consequently, confusion resulted as there was no uniformity in the coinage being circulated. During the period 1837 to 1861, Spanish American coins were used alongside Spanish maravedis, quartos and pesetas. Maravedis are copper coins that were minted in Spain. Thirty-four maravedis is equivalent to one "real". The quartos are copper coins that were manufactured in the Philippines by Chinese contractors and were used as colonial currency in both the Philippines and Guam. Four quartos is equivalent to one "real".

An interesting coin that was minted in Spain during this period is the duro, a silver coin that was valued at 20 reales. Transactions involving the duro are described in Governor Luis de Ibanez y Garcia's "History of the Marianas, Caroline and Palau Islands" which was written in 1886. Ibanez-Garcia describes a conversation between a Chamorro and a Spaniard who had just arrived in port. While being transported by boat from ship to shore, the visitor inquired as to the cost of the boat ride. The Chamorro replied, " a half duro". The Chamorro also informed the Spaniard that transportation between Piti and the capital city of Agana, a distance of two Spanish leagues (about seven miles), would cost three and a half duros—two and a half for a wagon, and one duro for a horse. Both coins bear the bust of Isabella II.

ROYAL MINT

In 1857, a royal decree by Queen Isabel II provided for the creation of a Royal Mint in Manila. A second decree in 1861 called for the removal of Spanish-American silver coins from circulation and provided for new silver coinage as well as gold to be made at this mint. Between 1861 and 1868, gold was coined in three denominations—4 pesos, 2 pesos, and 1 peso. Each denomination bears the bust of Isabella II. A second series of 4-pesos gold pieces was minted between 1880 and 1885. Each of these 4-pesos coins bears the bust of Alphonso XII.

Silver Coinage by the Manila mint began in 1864 with three denominations—10, 20, and 50 centimos. The only indication that these coins were intended for circulation in the Philippines and Guam was their valuation—not in Spanish reales, pesetas, or escudos, but in fractions of a Philippine peso. Like the gold coins, the silver coins were produced by the royal mint until the 1880s. There were two series of silver coins minted. The first series (1864 to 1868) bears a bust of Isabella II on the front of each denomination, while a bust of Alphonso XII adorns the front of each denomination of the second series (1880 to 1865). Although Spanish-American coins were removed from circulation by royal decree, coins from Spain per se were still used alongside Philippine coinage minted in Manila. One such coin is a 5-peseta silver coin minted in Madrid in 1870 and is displayed in the Guam Museum.

MEXICAN SILVER PESOS

The most important commodity available to Europeans for trade with Chinese merchants was silver. The great majority of silver coins used for exchange came from Spanish-America—primarily from Mexico, Bolivia and Peru. The preferred coin was the Mexican peso which the Chinese referred to as "Dollar Mex". This coin was so highly thought of that in 1876, Spanish officials authorized Mexican silver pesos to be circulated at par with Philippine gold pesos. These silver coins were by far the most frequently used medium for exchange in the Philippines and Guam. They were part of the Mexican Liberty Cap series. The liberty cap on the front of the coin is a symbol of freedom dating back to ancient Rome. The coin bears a liberty cap within a glory of rays and starting in the early 1920s, began representing Mexico's freedom from Spain.

LAST SILVER PESO

In 1897, a large quantity of Philippine silver pesos were made by the mint in Madrid. The words "Isles Philippines" were inscribed n the reverse side of the coin. These silver pesos were the last coins minted for use in the Philippines and Guam before the Spanish-American War. These coins were used in Guam until 1900 when Mexican coin or the American equivalent became the legal tender of Guam. They remained in circulation in the Philippines until 1904 when the U S Civil Governor in Manila declared that they would no longer be accepted as legal tender after September 30 of that year. Additional Philippine coinage used during the latter part of the century include 10-centimos, 20-centimos, and 50-centimos pieces.

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GATEWAY COIN CLUB OF MERCED COUNTY

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TIME CAPSULE

From the CSNA Files

50 YEARS AGO-AUGUST, 1948 BULLETIN

A reservation form for the upcoming Fall Convention in Santa Monica gave rates for the Ambassador Hotel. A room with Twin Beds and Bath (two persons to a room) was $3.00 per person. A Twin Bed Club Room (no bath) cost $2.00 each.

40 YEARS -JULY, 1958

Secretary Winn Osborne reported fourteen new members. Paid-up membership was 510.

30 YEARS-SUMMER, 1968

Calcoin News published a report of the 42nd semi-annual convention in San Francisco (May 2-5) by Jerry Kroeger. Close to 2000 people registered. Seventy-one dealers (from as far away as Massachusetts and British Columbia) were in the bourse. Thirty-eight exhibitors showed fifty-one displays in ten different categories. Guy Railsback walked away with the "Best of Show" award with his SEA SALVAGE SILVER exhibit.

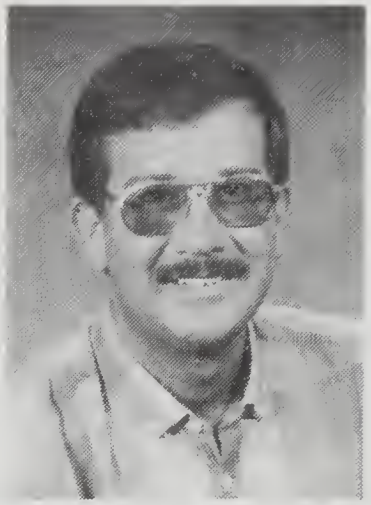
20 YEARS-SUMMER, 1978

The President's Page (John E Lenker) related that a group of CSNA officers and former officers visited the old mint in San Francisco. They were pleased to see that museum staff had completely re-decorated the CSNA display of "a token from every town" in California. Work was also underway on the CSNA coin and paper money display. Herb Bergen learned that his complete "s" mint coin exhibit was one of the most popular with old mint visitors.

10 YEARS-SUMMER, 1988

Dr Shelby Wagner, author of the Column, NEWS, VIEWS AND WHO'S FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, wrote that counterfeit large cents (1803, 1811 and 1852) had been showing up recently in flea markets. Wagner reported an easy test to see if the coins are real—"stand them on edge...the counterfeits do, the real coins do not".

NORTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS



BY Stan Turrini
Assistant Editor

Hello! Greetings and Peace! Welcome to the Summer, 1998 "North of the Tehachapis' Column. Hope all is well with you and Yours! Please continue to send newsletters/bulletins, news releases and correspondence to my attention at P O BOX 4101, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410.

Due to the deadlines and timelines required in publishing CALCOIN NEWS, these following summaries may be, to some, outdated or "old"; however, this is not caused by referring to "old news". It is simply the result of the publication and delivery schedule.

Please note: Both American Numismatic Association President ANTHONY J SWIATEK, later in September, and ANA Regional Coordinator, DR WALTER A OSTREMECKI, JR, this July, will be visiting our Northern California area. This would be an excellent opportunity to meet and greet both. Read on for specifics.

The SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB (SSRC) will hold its semi-annual open meeting on June 28, 1998 during the Vallejo Coin Show. The meeting will be held at 1:00PM on the stage of the main Lake Room, Dan Foley Cultural Center. This meeting will also be the Club's Fifteenth (15th) Anniversary celebration. A special cake will be shared, a drawing for forty-one better silver rounds held, and other festive items done. The SSRC was founded back in June, 1983 by the late LUCKY WILLIAMS. See also CLUB MEDAL MART in this issue for information on a special commemorative silver medal issued by SSRC. Former members are urged to contact the Club.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY is pleased to announce that its Second Annual Contra Costa Coin Show will be held Thanksgiving weekend. The date is next November 29, 1998, and the location is in downtown Concord at the Veterans Memorial Building (2290 Willow Pass Road). The DNS also reports that its new Bourse Coordinator is BILL BARTZ, assisted by Vice-President JOHN RUSSELL. The Club held its Annual Anniversary Dinner, March 19, at Concord's Marie Calendars. MIKE FIORE was responsible for the dinner arrangements.

The PENINSULA COIN CLUB has announced that PCC member RICH DOUGLAS won the design contest for the Club's 1998 medal with his entry honoring the local Hellcopter-Hiller Aviation Museum. The newly elected PCC Officers are: CLINT CUMMINS, President; DAVID CONLON, Vice-President; FRED G VAN DEN HAAK, Treasurer plus Newsletter Editor; and RICHARD SHUSTERMAN, Secretary. Yours truly talked at the April 13th meeting on the "Carnegie Medal". PCC meetings are now held at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, in downtown Palo Alto (site of the Club's annual Coin Show).

DELTA COIN CLUB reports that some one hundred attendees were at their annual dinner last January 9th. The Club's Presidents Award was bestowed on LORIS ENZMINGER and

Life Membership upon ED CARMEN. CHUCK WHITE was the speaker January 23rd, with "Travel Through Time", a talk based on his collection of ancient coins. STAN TURRINI was privileged to return to the DCC on February 13 and share slides of the 1989 Bicentennial of Congress Commemorative Coinage First Strike Ceremony, in Washington DC.

Recent activities for the LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY were TOM LOVELACE'S March 3 talk on Internet Numismatics (creating a Web Site for the Society) and CHUCK WHITE'S presentation on "Ancient Coins" on April 1. LNS member RON JOHNSON was the winner for the 1998 Club Medal design. His creation featured old-time steam locomotive Southern Pacific #45, currently on public display in Millbrae. The reported mintages will be sixty-two (62) silver and one hundred three (103) oxidized bronze. Delivery is anticipated later in the summer.

Editor for the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY'S "Intermittent" is HERB MILES. Recent PCNS speakers have been GORDON DONNELL (Collecting PPIE) on February 25 and JONATHAN HUBBARD (Bidding Online) at the March 25th meeting.

The January, 1998 monthly newsletter of the GATEWAY COIN CLUB (of Merced County) gave these newly pronounced numismatic definitions: "*Mint State*: Pennsylvania, California and Colorado; *Buffalo Nickel*: a five-cent piece made in upstate New York somewhere near Niagara Falls; *Medium Date*: an evening with a fortune teller; *Washington Quarters*: Valley Forge; *Type Set*: something printers do; *Pine Tree Shilling*: Hustling Christmas trees; *Plain Edge*: the Mississippi River; *High Relief*: the thrill of mountain climbing; and *Philadelphia Mint*: a piece of candy made in the City of Brotherly Love. Credit needs to be acknowledged to GCC past President, CRAIG BLAKE, who "stepped in and ran the meeting" of April 2nd, in the absence of several missing Executive Officers.

The REDWOOD EMPIRE'S Annual Coin Show Dinner held Saturday, March 28, had a record attendance of sixty-two. Special thanks to Santa Rosa's G & G Market and LEE H GONG. Winners in the drawing were: ERIC WILSON, DOUG DANIELS, CATHY CONOVER, RON BULLARD, MARKFIELD PHARMACY, VERN ARBOGOS, EDDIE LYNCHARD, FERNANDO DO ALBO and LORRIANE FARNSWORTH (all receiving Mexican Two Pesos). The top prizes went to JODY LAU, CHARLIE CATLETT and FERRUCIO RADOVICH, the last claiming a Double Eagle ($20). On May 13, MEL JUNG, author of the definitive book on California Casino chips, will be the Club's speaker. The RECC will join neighboring Vallejo Numismatic Society for their joint "Commemorative Night" Saturday, September 26, 1968. The evening begins at 6:00PM (No Host) and 6:30 PM dinner and will be held at Palby's in American Canyon (Vallejo). The address is Highway 29—3860 Vallejo-Napa Highway. This special joint gathering will have ANA President ANTHONY J (Mr Commemorative) SWIATEK as special guest and speaker. The Drawing and Door prizes will total over $1200.00!. The dinners are priced at $15.00 each with lots of free table favors and "keepsakes". Information as to this unique event may be obtained by calling LEE GONG (707-546-3071) or MIKE STANLEY (925-825-0649). You don't want to miss out on this!!!

The SAN JOSE COIN CLUB reports that ED SINS, long time distinguished member of the SJCC, spoke on the Peruvian Silver Crisis of 1650-1652 at the meeting March 11h. His talk was described as "very interesting and informative". At the same meeting, during Shown Tells, it was reported that "BILL HIGGINS proved to us that there is indeed gold in the Santa Cruz hills and on its beaches----after finding gold coins washed out by recent El Nino storms".

It was noted that the five officers of the SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB (whose names were reported in the last issue) have a combined total of fourteen years service.....and counting. The SVCC reminds fellow coin hobbyists that its forty-first (41st) Fall Coin-A-Rama will be the second weekend in October (11th & 12th) at the Sacramento Convention Center, corner of 15th and J Streets, in downtown Sacramento.

The FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY had ARRI JACOB speak at its January 13th meeting. The presentation on "United States Currency" included a lot of very nice examples and added excellent color to his narration. The February 10th meeting featured a program on "United States Coppers", announced as "no, not bios on Dick Tracy, Elliot Ness and Columbo", but one cent denominations. FNS Secretary DENNIS SOLIDAY did this slide presentation. RUTH PHILLIPS talked about "Fractional Currency Shield" at the March 10 meeting, with an actual rare Shield present!

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB'S "Two Cents Worth's Editor MARK CLARK trusted the Post Office, but forgot the power of weather! The December, 1997 issue was delayed in delivery: "I had planned to mail the "Two Cents Worth" from Hawaii, so it would arrive at the usual time. Being on my way to the Philippines, there was a lot on my mind, so I figured that I could mail the bulletins from Guam. But, the super typhoon Paka hit Guam with winds up to two hundred thirty-six miles per hour, thus preventing the timely delivery". Now, folks, this is one we can truly blame on the weather!. 1998 SFCC Officers elected are: GORDON DONNELL, President; MEL KRINSY, Vice-President; JOHN YEE, Secretary; HANS HANSSON, Treasurer; with RON JOHNSON. New By-laws, written by STAN TURRINI, assisted by EDITH McMILLAN , were adopted at the November 23, 1997, meeting and these are now enforced. The SFCC ended the year with an annual joint social with the neighboring Pacific Coast Numismatic Society last December 23 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Francisco. HANS HANSSON again cooked a great bird, a thirty pound turkey!

The LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB 1998 Officers are STEVE KRAMER, President; CHUCK WHITE, Vice-President; TOM SCHROEDER, Treasurer; and HOWARD KOSANKE, Historian (What no Secretary??). It was noted that there were one hundred (100%) winners in the Coin Matching Quiz held at the February meeting: TOM SCHROEDER, ROGER LYLES, HOWARD KOSANKE, BARRY STALLARD and CHUCK WHITE. But it is not clear what obverse had to be matched with what reverse, except that it was Half-Dollars. CHUCK WHITE, long-time LVCC member and booster, spoke on ancient coins (A Travel Through Time) at the February 17th meeting.

The STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB meets in the Del Rio Restaurant, 3300 Atcheson, on the Second and Fourth Wednesdays starting at 7:00PM. The SCCC plans its annual Coin Show for July 25 & 26 in Riverbank (at its Community Center). This two day show will be Saturday, 10:00AM to 6:00PM and Sunday, 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Write PO BOX 1672, Modesto, CA 95353 for more information.

The FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB just completed celebrating its Silver Jubilee Anniversary. A banquet was held March 14 at Fairfield's Anheuser-Busch Brewery. Representing the City of Fairfield was Councilwoman KARIN MACMILLAN and your Assistant Editor served as the Master of Ceremonies. Charter Members STEVE CARBONARO and ERNIE DRAKE, spoke on the early years of the Club, deceased members and remembrances. Also present, flying up from his retirement home in Arizona, was past President RON KELICHER. The 1998 FCC Officers are JOE SIROIS (President), JOHN BEARDEN (Vice-President), RUSSELL LEACH (Treasurer) and SANDY BEARDEN (Secretary). American Numismatic Association (ANA) President ANTHONY SWIATEK will be visiting and contributing to the

Ninth (9th) Annual Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show next September 27th. The show will be held at the Fairfield Community Center, 1100 Kentucky, off Pennsylvania, in downtown Fairfield. Three fellow numismatic groups are scheduled to meet during this year's Fairfield Show, and these are: Western Wooden Money Club (WWMC) at 11AM; Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) at 1PM and the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) at 2:30PM. For updated information telephone 707-427-0482.

The March 4th meeting of the VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY was Other Hobbies Night. The participants were MIKE STANLEY (Newspaper Headlines), JAN HENKE (Collecting Wooden Nickels), JOSEPH KLAUS (Postcards of Prague-Czeck Republic), MIKE FIORE (United States Currency), CHUCK WHITE (Slot-Car Racing), DR RODNEY W BAKER (United States Stamps), GORDON DONNELL (Beer Steins—empty), BOB SATHER (Family Tree Research—Genealogy), DR HOWARD C LONSDALE (Martial Arts Weapons), STAN TURRINI (Old Vallejo Receipts and Ephemera)and KEN SPINGOLA (Card/Magic Tricks). The best presentation was the card trick done by Ken, which had everyone asking "How did he do that?"

The NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (NCNA) reminds CSNAers that the First Annual Nor-Cal Invitational Coin Show will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 10, 11 and 12, 1998, at the Concord Sheraton Hotel in Concord. DR WALTER A OSTREMECKI, JR, ANA Regional Coordinator will be present all three-days and would enjoy meeting and exchanging ideas, issues and information with ANA District Delegate and Club Representatives. The Bourse Coordinator for this show is VINCE LACARIERE and he may be contacted at 510-792-1511. Show information may be obtained from MIKE STANLEY at 925-825-0649 (Note: this is a new area code).

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TRIVIA:

EVER WONDER WHERE THE PHRASE "THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN" ORIGINATED?

IT IS USED MOST FREQUENTLY TO POINT UP THE FACT THAT THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO EVERY ISSUE. THE PHRASE HAS ITS ORIGINS IN NUMISMATICS. IN COLONIAL DAYS COINS WERE OFTEN CLIPPED OR FILED AND THIS PHRASE WAS A WARNING TO LOOK AT BOTH SIDES OF THE COIN TO DETERMINE IF IT HAD BEEN MUTILATED IN ANY MANNER.

(ADAPTED FROM CALCOIN NEWS FILES)

SPANISH COIN FOUND IN YOSEMITE CAVE

BY RUS STOLLING

One spring day in 1978, a hiker paused in the shade of a rock shelter-one of several natural formations of fallen rock along the trail to Mirror Lake in Yosemite National Park known as Indian Caves- to rest from her day's explorations. Idly poking and doodling with a tick in the soil of the floor of the cave, she uncovered a circular metallic object. Wiping away encrusted soil from the surface of the object, she found it to be a silver Spanish coin bearing a date of 1781.

Park archeologists learned of the find through "a series of curious circumstances", according to their account. They located the woman and, though she was reluctant to part with her find, obtained from her the coin and her account of its discovery. The coin, a silver Real of Spanish King Charles III-in numismatically "About Good" grade, now reposes in the park's archeological archives. Its obverse features the right-facing bust of the Spanish Monarch. The profile is strong, but has lost all detail through wear. The inscription CAROLUS III DEI GRATIA, and the date, 1781, are clearly legible. On the reverse, the pillars, ribbons, the crown and shield are still strongly represented, with detail remaining in the coat of arms on the shield. The inscription REX & RFF HISPANIA ET IND, is worn flat but is legible. The edge is chipped through from the obverse lll to the reverse H.

OBVERSE REVERSE

1781 Spanish Real Found in Indian Cave, Yosemite National Park, California

The coin's discovery excited a good deal of speculation as to how it came to be where it was found. The most exotic conclusion that could be reached is that the coin was lost by a Spaniard in some undocumented , late early nineteenth century excursion into what is known today as the Yosemite Valley. Also proposed was that the coin was a gift or had been traded from a Spaniard to an Indian in the Yosemite Valley. Either circumstance, if it could be proven, would necessitate a revision of the history of the discovery of the Yosemite Valley. Other less glamorous theories were also proposed.

While an exact retracing of the coin's travels from its point of origin to its resting place in shortly before and after the 'discovery' of the Yosemite will allow arrival at some likely conclusions.

THE SPANISH EXPLORATIONS: The closest documented approach to the Yosemite by a Spanish exploring party occurred in 1806, about the same time as Lewis & Clark were exploring the northwest portion of the Louisiana Purchase. With Lieutenant Don Alferez Gabriel Moraga as head of the column, a combined party of soldiers and priests left Mission San Juan Bautista in August of 1806 to explore the San Joaquin Valley.

Their purpose, as described in a diary of the expedition kept by Father Pedro Munoz, was to "collect indians" in order to make them Christians, to "save their souls and turn them from heathenism". The church was desirous of establishing an interior chain of missions similar to those along the coast. The army was there to protect the padres from the hostile actions of the very heathens they hoped to save from the white man's hell, in the event that they should resist salvation.

Following El Rio de Nuestra Senora de Merced (the River of our Lady of Mercy-the Merced River) the expedition had, by September, found its way as far as the foothills east of what is now Mariposa County. The diary of the expedition offers no evidence of their having gone any farther into the mountains. Moraga took another group through the area again in 1810, but no other Spanish explorations of this area are known.

The present day boundaries of Mariposa county are some thirty miles from the easternmost boundary of Yosemite. That anyone from either of Moraga's expeditions ventured into the Yosemite Valley is doubted.

After the Mexican Revolution in 1812 and the subsequent de-missionization and secularization, the Mariposa area was populated by a mixture of native and ex-mission Indians. Those who had formerly lived at the missions not only had a good command of the Spanish language, their very culture had been forever altered by their exposure to the white man's ways. They dressed in shirts and pants, they rode horses, and even when they spoke their native languages their conversation was inter-woven with Spanish words and phrases. It is very likely that among the possessions of some of these indians were Spanish coins.

INDIANS*

The foothills of the Sierra Nevada were occupied and traversed by several tribes: the Paiute, the Chowchillas, the Miwok, Kaweah, Yokuts and others. Those in the Yosemite region were principally Southern Sierra Miwok. These people ranged widely and freely in pursuit of sustenance and adventure. Not only did they hunt and forage together, they intermingled, intermarried and conducted trade in a barter economy, and occasionally clashed in battle. Their trade routes extended as far as the California coast where they obtained shells for use as ornamentation and tools. And east over the crest of the Sierra Nevada to the Mono Lake region where they obtained obsidian from the volcanic glass mountains for the making of arrow points and cutting tools.

It is possible that these Indians, who had contact with tribes farther upstream along the Merced River-including the Indians of the Yosemite Valley-could have had opportunities to exchange through trade, or gain or lose as spoils of war, a variety of goods. Such goods might include coins obtained through contacts with the Spanish, with Mexicans settling in the area after the revolution, or from the "Gold Diggers" who came after 1849.

THE GOLD RUSH OF 1849 AND THE DISCOVERY OF THE YOSEMITE: American explorer Jedediah Strong Smith is known to have traveled across the Sierra Nevada in 1826 without seeing Yosemite Valley. In 1833 Captain Joseph Reddeford Walker's party was led through what is now Yosemite Valley National Park by a band of Indians who intentionally steered them north of the canyon of the Yosemite. Walker's report indicates he knew these Indians to be Miwok, and Walker realized he was being led away from an Indian stronghold he perceived from the surrounding topography to be a deep canyon, although he never peered into it. It was not until forty years after Moraga's excursions that white men found their way into the Yosemite Valley itself.

In the Spring of 1851, with snow still covering meadows, trails and passes, James Savage, proprietor of trading posts at the confluence of the north and south forks of the Merced , about fifteen miles downstream from the entrance to the Yosemite Valley, and another on the Fresno River, organized a quasi-military party of men to bring the Indians to justice following their raids on his post.

Savage was one of several men who had prospered from the discoveries of gold in the canyons of the Merced River and its tributary creeks. Rather than mine the gold himself, he established trading posts from which he provided the miners the necessities of their craft. They brought him gold nuggets and dust-he sold them flour, blankets, tools, clothing, knives. Gunpowder and bullets, and whiskey, all at exorbitant prices. (A pound of flour cost an ounce of gold, a shirt cost 5 ounces, a pair of boots cost a pound!)

***The American Indian Council of Mariposa chooses to call themselves Indians rather than 'Native Americans'. The author has chosen to honor their tradition.**

The Indians likewise brought him lots of the yellow metal, worthless to them, in exchange for colorful wool shirts and blankets and metal knives. Savage learned Indian dialects and customs and allied himself with several local villages by making wives of their women. In receiving coins and gold dust from the miners in exchange for purchases, then trading with the Indians who frequented the posts, Savage and other traders provided limitless opportunities for Indians to obtain white-man artifacts, including coins.

The gold rush brought an estimated 6,000 whites into the Mariposa region and the Indians began to feel the pressure of the invading culture. Perceiving the continuing influx of the "gold Diggers" as a threat to their survival, several of the area tribes united, their announced purpose being to oppose the whites and drive them out. Savage's two trading posts were raided, as were the posts of other traders. Men were killed, livestock and goods stolen, and structures were burned.

Savage, commissioned by the Governor of California at the rank of Major, organized the Mariposa Battalion to subdue the Indians. The majority of the Indian communities, in the realization that the alternative was eradication, abandoned their villages and moved peaceably onto reservations with the promises of food, shelter and continuing peace. But one tribe, with a reputation among both Indians and whites as being particularly fierce and resistant, held out in its stronghold, a yet unexplored canyon upstream-the Yosemite Valley.

In March of 1851, Savage and the Mariposa Battalion, on horseback, moved up the canyon of the south fork of the Merced River into an area of Yosemite about a mile south of where the Wawona Hotel now stands, then proceeded into the Yosemite Valley by a route approximately paralleling the current road. He and his men entered the Yosemite Valley on March 21 near the base of Bridal Veil Fall, then moved on up the valley as far as Mirror Lake, burning villages in pursuit of the rest of the Yosemite Indians.

An account of the raid by a participant, Lafayette Bunnell, tells of their finding an old woman too old to travel, left behind by the rest of the fleeing Indians, crouched over a dwindling fire in a cave, possibly the one where the coin was found in 1978. Burnell documents the locations of the Indians' villages including a permanent site beneath the Royal Arches, near the caves. He describes the native's language as being a combination of dialects of the Paiute and Mono tribes, interlaced with words of Spanish derivation.

Evidence suggests that while the Yosemite Indians probably had no direct contact with the Spaniards or Mexicans in the San Joaquin Valley, they certainly had sufficient contact with Indians who had moved from the Missions into the canyon of the Merced downstream from Yosemite to incorporate foreign words into their conversation. They also had sufficient opportunity to acquire coins in trade or plunder.

The Ahwahneechee, as the Yosemite Indians called themselves-Ahwahnee was their name for the spectacular canyon that was their home-were relocated to a reservation on the Fresno River. Being a very small band and promising not to instigate any trouble, they were allowed to return to their valley in 1851.

The first permanent structure was erected by whites in the Yosemite in 1853, and the first tourist party arrived in 1855, opening the valley to white settlement and tourism. In the next few years homes, farms and a sawmill were built and hotels were established. Sheep and cattle grazed the valley meadows and orchards were planted. The white and Indian cultures mingled as many of the natives took jobs with white employers.

NUMISMATICALLY:
Even though gold bullion was plentiful in pioneer California, circulating coinage was scarce. While private coiners Moffat & Company; Wass, Molitor; Kellogg & Co; Norris, Gregg, Norris and others, were punching gold slugs in San Francisco, silver coinage was in short supply, especially U S coinage. The circulating medium of the day was foreign silver-Spanish Reals and Pesos, French Francs, English Crowns, and other coins of European origin. Spanish coinage was more plentiful than any other. It is more likely that the pockets of the miners coming to the area were lined with coins minted in Mexico City than Philadelphia, as the San Francisco mint did not begin production until 1854 and foreign currency enjoyed legal status in the United States until it was demonetized in 1857.

The opportunities for a Yosemite Indian to obtain a Spanish coin from an American miner, trader, or settler were innumerable. For an Ahwahneechee to lose a silver trinkets in the dirt floor of his abode, or to leave one behind with his other possessions while being pursued, is not an unlikely event.

That coins found their way into Indian possession was probably not an unusual occurrence, although the coins probably served a decorative rather than commercial purpose. An excavation in 1921 of a burial site near Coulterville, north of Yosemite, uncovered a 1766 Irish half cent and an 1804 Spanish Real in a Miwok grave. The Irish coin had been drilled for suspension from a thong or string as if to serve as a pendant. Evidence of such usage of coins by Indians of other California tribes is extensive. The silver Real was heavily worn and badly corroded, showing barely enough detail for identification. Surprisingly, the obverse of the brass Irish half cent, 44 years older than the Real, still strongly portrayed the profile, but no detail, of a right facing bust and the inscription GEORGIUS III. Its reverse clearly depicted the harp and crown, HIBERNIA and the date.

While the origin of the coin found in Yosemite's Indian Cave cannot be verified, speculation as to its pedigree is exciting and entertaining. Regardless of its path to the caves, it likely passed through many hands-of Spanish explorers, Mexican colonists, American pioneers and Native Americans-long before being lost and obscured in the soil of a cave floor in what is now one of America's most popular

national parks. That this coin lay buried for perhaps nearly a century and a half under a fraction of an inch of dirt just a few yards off a path regularly traveled by hundreds of hikers daily is a wonder unto itself. While this find will not be the cause of a rewriting of history, perhaps it is enough that it adds another footnote.

1766 Irish Coin found in Yokuts Indian Burial in Coulterville, California
Obverse Reverse

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TRIVIA:

One spring, sometime before the Civil War, a boy in search of work, came to Worthy Taylor's prosperous Ohio farm. The farmer knew nothing much about the boy except that his name was Jim, but he gave him a job.

Jim spent the summer cutting stovewood, bringing in the cows and making himself generally useful. He ate in the kitchen and slept in the haymow.

Before the summer was over, Jim had fallen love with Taylor's daughter. When the farmer refused to let him marry her...telling him bluntly that he had no money, no name, and very poor prospects...Jim put his belongings in his old carpetbag and disappeared.

Thirty-five years passed before Taylor one day pulled down his barn to make way for a new one. On one of the rafters above the haymow, he discovered that Jim had carved his full name...James A Garfield. He was then President of the United States.

Garfield, the twentieth President, 1881 appears on the $5.00 National Bank Note, Series 1882 and the $20.00 Gold Certificate, Series 1882.

SOUTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS

By Harold Katzman,
Assistant Editor

SEARCHING FOR TREASURES

The March meeting of the BAY CITIES COIN CLUB noted the passing of long time member, friend and colleague JAMES L BETTON JR. Jim was an active member of this club and other clubs within the Southern California area. In March, ETHEL LENHERT spoke on "Missions of California". The club did not have an April meeting as the regular date fell on Easter Sunday. May saw JOHN FORREY present a program titled "Searching for Buried Treasure—The Easy Way".

THE 1804 DOLLAR

The "King of Coins" was the program presented at the February meeting of the COVINA COIN CLUB by Dr THOMAS FITZGERALD. The "King", of course is the 1804 Dollar. Tom spoke about the coin's history and its passing of hands. In March, BILL GRANT spoke on "Grant on Grant". This presentation was about the life and times of President U S Grant. Bill also shared the numerous medals and tokens that have Grant on them. LLOYD BEAUCHAINE spoke in April about the "Evolution of Copper Coins". The Club's annual show was held at a new location, the Masonic Temple in Arcadia. They have much more parking verses the old location.

SHOW & TELL NIGHT

The March meeting of the CULVER CITY COIN CLUB was "Show & TELL" night. Those participating included: MARCIA KING (Kennedy Collector's Set); FRANK KISH (Slot Machine Club Cards and Gambling Chips); JOHN FORREY (Silver and Brass Rounds from Las Vegas); STEVE DEMMER (Coins found in Circulation" and EDITH QUIGLEY (U S Native Wild Cats). April saw PHIL IVERSEN speak on "Numismatic References". Phil enlightened everyone on the many excellent reference books available to collectors. In May, HAROLD KATZMAN spoke on "My Ten Favorite Numismatic Items".

EL NINO WASHES OUT MEETING

The February meeting of the DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS was to have had STEVE DAVIS as speaker. However, between the rainy weather and his son's illness, Steve could not attend. As it was, only eight members showed up and they spent their evening sharing numismatic stories. Steve did make it to the March meeting. His topic "My favorite Israel Medals & Related Judaica". The Club noted the passing of long time member STAN JEZIORISKI..

SUPER AUCTION

Super Auction Night was the March program before the FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS. Over 160 items were on the Auction Block. In April, NORM STURGESS gave a surprise program titled "The Evolution of a Pack Rat". The surprise being that his announced program was to have been either Post Card Collecting or Coin Scales. This surprise program consisted of Norm sharing his collecting interests, how he got started and where it lead to. Norm collects, amongst other items, Coins of Japan, Coin Scales, Collectible Paper and so on. May saw DR SHELBY WAGNER speak on "The Gold of California".

CLUB DONATES TO LOCAL LIBRARY

JEFF STAHL gave a new program before the March meeting of the GARDEN GROVE/ORANGE COAST COIN CLUB. He spoke on "National Bank Notes". The club had six guests in attendance and four joined. So far this year the club has added fifteen new members. Not bad! The members voted to buy a 3-year subscription to COINS Magazine to be donated to the Westminster Library. BOB SMYTHE spoke on "Russia" at the April meeting and JERRY KLEEB in May on "Philippine Paper Money".

THREE MONTH COIN GRADING CLASS

The February, March and April meetings of the GLENDALE COIN CLUB saw the club view a Coin Grading Video. In March the club celebrated its 39th birthday! Some of the early founding members are still active. These folks include MURRAY SINGER (#22) and BEA YOUNG (#76). Also at the March meeting, member TOM REDMOND gave each junior a selection of Irish coins. In May, RICK WILLIAMS, a professor at Glendale College is the featured speaker.

100 MINT STATE 1877 INDIAN CENTS

The March meeting of the HEARTLAND COIN CLUB had VERNON REED provide a short program on his experiences using the Internet to purchase coins and other numismatic items. In April, Vernon spoke about 100 Mint State 1877 Indian Head Cents. That's right! 100 Mint State Indian Cents! Oh by the way, did I mention that those Indians turned out to be postage stamps?

UP IN THE AIR

The February meeting of the HEMET NUMISMATISTS had STU BELENSON speak on the "Old WWII Ryan School of Aeronautics" located in Hemet. There is a museum located in one of the two remaining 4-man cadet bungalows at the Hemet-Ryan Airport. Over 10,000 pilots were trained here during WWII. In March, ANGUS BRUCE shared a slide program titled "Fact or Fiction Notes". RANDY BRIGGS spoke in April on "The Thrill of the Chase".

MUSIC AND ISRAEL

"Trade Coins of Israel", an ANA slide program was the March program before the ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY/ISRAEL COIN CLUB of LA. April saw ALEX SHAGIN speak on "Jewish Subjects in Medallic Culture". Alex had many beautiful works of art in medals and tokens on display. In May, DR THOMAS FITZGERALD spoke on "Music and Ancient Jewish Coins".

THE PRESIDENT RESIGNS!

GWEN HEISTAND spoke on the "Legend of Caletto", the creator of Alta & Baja California, at the February meeting of the LONG BEACH COIN CLUB. Gwen shared coins that circulated in the early years of California with the club. March saw ANA Governor, HELEN CARMODY, talk about her participation on the Board of Governors. President ED CASAUS resigned at the March meeting. At a special board meeting, GWEN HEISTAND and ROY WATA were elected President and Vice-President respectively. In May, DR SOL TAYLOR spoke on "The Lincoln Cent".

THE CAPTAINS AND THE KINGS

The following members of the L A COIN CLUB participated in February's Show & Tell: KARIN AZZOURI (1822 10 Duram Morracan Coin); BEN KONDO (1855 Philippine Coin); GEORGE BOSNA (60th Anniversary PNC of the LA COIN Club) and MURRAY SINGER (Picture of the L A Coin Club in 1961-62). In March, PAUL BORACK presented a program on " US Postage & Fractional Currency". Club President, LYNDA RICHARD, honored the club's "Captains & Kings" in the March bulletin. She recognized the following members noting the year they joined the club: MURRAY SINGER (1953); GEORGE BOSNA (1956); BEN KONDO (1965); JERRY YAHALOM (1968) and PAUL BORACK (1969).

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The February meeting of the OCEANSIDE/CARLSBAD COIN CLUB noted a change in officers. The clubs 515th meeting saw FRANK TRUTTA replace BETTY YOUNG as Secretary. Betty had served as the club secretary for over thirty years. She became secretary in 1964 and except for a couple of years in which she was busy traveling, she handled the secretarial role. In 1988 she and her husband "Pappy" became the first "Married Couple" to receive the Numismatics News AMBASSADOR AWARD. Everyone wishes Betty a wonderful "retirement". Other Officers elected were ROB HEALY (President) and GEORGE SCHOMACHER (Vice-President).

THE PHYSIOLOGICAL PROFILE OF A NUMISMATIST

The March meeting of the SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB heard RANDY BRIGGS and ROLLY Mendel present a program on "Lincoln and the Civil War". Rolly had four tables of Civil War items on display. March saw KEVIN BRECHT talk on "Mint Errors". Kevin displayed errors made at U S and Foreign Mints. In April, DR WARBURTON MILLER spoke on "Physiological Profiles of Numismatists" and provided examples of what that is!.

SPAGHETTI ANYONE!

HARLAN WHITE spoke on, "How Forests are Logged" before the March meeting of the SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. He brought a model with him and demonstrated the techniques of logging. April saw REX SALMON speak on "1900 Silver Dollar-What it has seen". Rex won the 1900 Dollar at a raffle and then went on to research what occurred during that year. He also shared other coins that could have been circulating in 1900. BETTY and PAPPY YOUNG celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on April 3rd. In May, JIM HUNT spoke on the "Carson City Mint Restrikes". The Club will hold a Spaghetti dinner in June. Following the dinner the program will be "Other Hobby Night".

NOT ONE BUT TWO VIDEOS

The February meeting of the SANTA BARBARA COIN CLUB had the membership watch two videos. The first tape was produced by Heritage Numismatics and told how an auction works. The second video was titled "Medal Maker" and told of artist Laura Gardin Fraser and how she created the design for the Oregon Trail Commemorative Half Dollar. The program also shared some of the other works that Laura designed. In March, BRIT WESTERGAARD spoke about "Non-Round Coins". The club held elections in April and sponsored an auction.

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

STEVE WALLER presented some "highlights" from his Star Wars Toy Collection at the March meeting of the VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB. The club noted that its 33rd show was a success with nearly 200 individuals attending the one day event.

pril saw EARL & DORSILLE FRITCHER talk about their "European Vacation". They shared ories of visiting coin shops, antique stores and knick-knack marts during their 18 day ip. While in Europe they visited five countries—Germany, Switzerland, France, Belgium nd Holland—driving over 1200 miles. The club celebrated its 34th birthday in May. In ddition to having some of the past officers tell about the "old days", the annual Brown ag Auction was held. The membership noted the passing of two folks who will be issed—BERNICE RICHMOND (a Charter Member) and BOB WOODARD who printed the lub bulletin for at least ten years.

MY FAVORITE NUMISMATIC ITEM

ne February meeting of the WEST VALLEY COIN CLUB had its members bring in and talk bout their favorite Numismatic item. Thirteen members participated. March saw JERRY AHALOM speak on "Commemorabilia". These were items used and printed by groups nat distributed commemorative coins from 1892-1950. In April, the club viewed Part I of ne J P Martin ANA Video on "Grading mint state coins.

FREE REFRESHMENTS

Genuine, Counterfeit & Altered Coins" was the video program shown over two months at ne WHITTIER COIN CLUB. March saw Part I and Part II was shown in April. Did you know nat the new meeting place of the Whittier group, Casa Whittier Retirement Residence, rovides refreshments (at no charge) to the club? Perhaps other clubs might want to heck out retirement homes as potential meeting sites. In May the club met at PHIL HANG's home for a pot luck lunch. The club is preparing a design for a wooden nickel o celebrate their 40th birthday later this year.

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RIVIA:

t is obvious that medals possess many superior advantages over the larger productions f the pencil or the chisel.

Medals are less likely to break or moulder away. Medals are smaller, and therefore nore easily transportable, and at the same time susceptible of very high finish in the nechanical part, and of striking effect in their manner of relating an event: whilst the nultiplicity of their impressions renders it next to certain that they will pass through an nfinite number of hands, and become familiar to the minds of men in very distant ages nd countries.

Medals appeal both to the imagination and the judgement; they operate both as history nd poetry; thus they fill up a very important place in the system of education.

What more simple or captivating mode is there of impressing on the memory of youth he dates and circumstances of remarkable events, or enlivening their minds with the orce of felicitous symbols and allegories, than is to be found in a collection of well hosen and well executed medals!

Editors Note: The above was written by the New York Museum, October 5, 1816 ; requoted in American Journal of Numismatics", January, 1895; and circulated by collectors of Art Medals, Inc.

GOLDEN STATE COIN SHOW PATRON PROGRAM

The 1998 GOLDEN STATE COIN SHOW (GSCS) will have its 9th Annual Coin Show on September 5-6 at the Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena, California.

As part of the continuing tradition, the three sponsor organizations (CSNA, NASC & COIN) are asking for your support by joining our PATRON PROGRAM. For just $10 you can contribute to the educational success of our hobby. In addition, you'll have the self-satisfaction of knowing you have supported this annual event as a Patron supporter.

All Patrons will have their name entered into a drawing for a 2 peso gold piece (winner need not be present to win), and have their name listed in the official program. A $10 contribution = a one line listing (e.g. Harold Katzman, Mr & Mrs Harold Katzman, Harold & Lucinda Katzman, Harold Katzman Coin Exchange etc.) Each additional line is a $10 donation.

Complete the form below and mail it with your patron contribution. Deadline for insertion into the program is August 24, 1998.

GSCS PATRON PROGRAM
HAROLD KATZMAN
P O BOX 3382
TUSTIN CA 92781-3382
Respond by June 1 for EARLY BIRD SILVER DOLLAR DRAWING!

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GOLDEN STATE COIN SHOW PATRON PROGRAM 1998

_____**YES! I want to be a proud PATRON & support the 9th Annual GSCS.**

My Donation of $_____ is enclosed. Please prepare my raffle ticket and let me know if I win!

I (we) would like my (our) name(s) listed as:

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CSNA PRESIDENT ISSUES PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Coin Club will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on 27 June 1998, and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Coin Club has served in a primary role to foster and encourage the study of numismatics in all its forms, extending and promoting numismatic activity throughout California, and

WHWEREAS, the San Bernardino County Coin Club has an award winning publication and has sponsored 35 annual coin and collectible shows,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joel Anderson, President of the CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, do hereby proclaim Saturday, 27 June 1998,

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB DAY

and commend the members of this outstanding organization for their enterprise in preserving the heritage and appreciation for numismatics these past fifty years.

Dated this first day of June, 1998
/s/ Joel Anderson

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

ETHEL LENHERT, CSNA CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

FEBRUARY 16 THROUGH MAY 15, 1998

NEW MEMBERS		SPONSOR
R-5846	SHIELDS, AARON 1355 N 800E , #10C, Logan, UT 84341-2524	Joel Anderson
R-5847	COHEN, ALAN H 17216 Saticoy St, Ste #319, Van Nuys, CA 91406	Ethel Lenhert
R5848	PELLETIER, PAULINE	Terry Foster
R5849	MERRIFIELD, SHIRLEY	Joel Anderson
R5850	IRELAND, TERRY P O Box 2547, Hemet, CA 92546-2547	Ethel Lenhert
R5851	SANCHEZ, RAUL, JR	Joel Anderson
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A-5853	HILLS, Beverly 200 4th St, Turlock, CA 95380	Joel Anderson

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R-5587 STOLLING, RUSSELL, 1295 Shaw Ave, #331, Clovis, CA 93612
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A-5793 PRENTISS, ROCKY,10148 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

RESIGNED:

R-5707 HUBBARD, JONATHAN
R5782 McCANN, PATRICK

DECEASED:

LM 18-2 BETTON, JAMES L JR
LM 1-12 ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB

SUMMARY OF SECRETARY'S REPORT

686	Membership on February 15, 1998
8	New Members (Feb16, 1998 through May 15, 1998)
3	Reinstatement
2	Resigned
2	Deceased
52	Drop for non-payment of 1998 Dues
641	Membership as of May 15, 1998

125 Total Life Members

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Please send all dues and notices regarding address changes,
deaths etc. to: ETHEL LENHERT,
CSNA CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
P O BOX 1746, UPLAND, CA 91785

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FROM THE BOOKSHELVES.....
OF THE
CSNA DOROTHY AND ELDON BEAULIEU MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Librarian TERRY WOODWARD, reports that CHARLES V KAPPEN has donated a copy of his latest book *CALIFORNIA TOKEN SUPPLEMENT* to our library.
Many thanks Charlie!

Request book PA80.C3K3-Supplement from Terry.

EDITORS NOTEPAGE by TML

It's hard to believe, but a full year has passed into memory and I have put out four issues of Calcoin News. As I move into the next year, I'd like to thank all of you who helped me get my "feet wet" and set me on the right path. This past year has been an interesting one and my experiences have been many. I learned to use new software and get used to CSNA routines. Thanks also to the readers who have put up with "new editor gremlins". I'm looking forward to the next year!

AUTHORS WANTED: Calcoin News needs your stories, articles and numismatic information for publication in future issues. Contact me at (209) 722-2169 to discuss or send copy to P O Box 1284, Merced, CA 95341-1284.

An interesting bit of information was published in the April, 1998, San Diego Numismatic Society Bulletin concerning the CSNA Educational Symposium held in March. "Next years symposium will be the 3rd week in March, in order to avoid a conflict with the ANA Early Spring Convention in Sacramento, and in all likelihood will be in a different venue. The sign identified it as the Days Inn as we entered, but as we were leaving, a new name was being hoisted in place. Sheraton, the new owners, have also "hoisted" their prices!!" Watch for location specifics in future issues of Calcoin News.

Rus Stolling's article about the Spanish Coin found in the cave in Yosemite, reminded me of an event that occurred on a recent trip. Ron and I were in Tennessee with our son and his wife and since we were near Lynchburg, decided to visit the Jack Daniel's Distillery to see how their product (Tennessee sipping whiskey) was made. A key ingredient is spring water and we were taken to the limestone cave where the company draws the necessary liquid. While the rest of the tour group was busy paying attention to our guide, something high on a ledge caught Ron's eye. As the tour left the cave area, he placed a coin in my hand saying "look what I found!" In my hand was a bronze Japanese (10 Yen) coin from 1959, or later. Wonder how it got to a cave in Tennessee in the USA?

****CALCOIN NEWS SCHEDULE****

ISSUE:	EDITORS DEADLINE: Editor needs to receive by this date
FALL 1998 OCTOBER-DECEMBER	AUGUST 15, 1998
WINTER 1998 JANUARY-MARCH	NOVEMBER 9, 1998 Early due to Holidays

DELIVERY IS SCHEDULED FOR RECEIPT BY THE FIRST OF THE QUARTER

Send submissions to :
Articles
Showcase (clubs)
Who's Who (Members)
Key Dates
Etc.

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WHAT'S NEW!!!

THE 1998 EDITION OF KRAUSE PUBLICATIONS' *AUCTION PRICES REALIZED* IS NOW AVAILABLE. THE BOOK OFFERS COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE FOR WHICH THE GUIDE HAS BECOME KNOWN, INCLUDING MORE THAN $84 MILLION WORTH OF U S COIN AUCTION RESULTS FROM 1997.

***AUCTION PRICES REALIZED* IS ARRANGED BY DENOMINATION—FROM COLONIAL COINS THROUGH GOLD ISSUES, COMMEMORATIVES, PATTERNS, TERRITORIAL AND PIONEER ISSUES. EACH LISTING GIVES THE AUCTION COMPANY THAT SOLD THE COIN, THE MONTH THE COIN WAS SOLD, ITS GRADE AND THE PRICE REALIZED. THE LISTINGS ALSO NOTE IF THE COIN WAS GRADED BY A PROFESSIONAL GRADING SERVICE.**

-KEY DATES-

A CALENDAR OF CSNA AND MEMBER CLUB EVENTS

CSNA SHOWS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 5-6, 1998 CSNA 103rd CONVENTION & GOLDEN STATE COIN SHOW

PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER—300 East Green Street
HOURS SAT 10AM-6PM SUN 10AM-4PM (Dealer Set up: Friday Sept 4 4PM—8PM)
ADMISSION $2 FOR BOTH DAYS

Bill Grant-General Chairman
Kay Lenker-Bourse Chairman
Terry & Don Foster-Exhibit Coordinators

Ethel Lenhert-Banquet
If you plan to attend, contact Ethel before August 30, 1998
cost $23.50 per person

COMING UP……
JANUARY 1999 104th semi annual convention

MARCH 20, 1999 31st ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

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MEMBER CLUB SHOWS & EVENTS

JUNE 28, 1998 (SUNDAY) VALLEJO HOURS 9 AM to 5PM
VALLEJO COIN CLUB'S 26TH ANNUAL COIN & COLLECTIBLES SHOW
DAN FOLEY CULTURAL CENTER, DAN FOLEY PARK PARKING $2
TUOLUMNE STREET AT END NORTH CAMINO ALTO

JULY 10-12, 1998 (FRI-SAT-SUN) CONCORD FREE ADMISSION
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
FIRST NOR-CAL INVITATIONAL COIN SHOW FREE PARKING
SHERATON CONCORD HOTEL 45 JOHN GLENN DR (OFF CONCORD AVE & I680)
HOURS FRIDAY 10:00AM-8:00PM SAT 10:00AM-6:00PM SUN 10:00AM-4:00PM
BOURSE/INFO: VINCE LACARIERE 510-792-1511 OR
3769 PERALTA BLVD FREMONT CA 94536-3758

JULY 25 & 26, 1998 (SAT-SUN) RIVERBANK
STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB SHOW
RIVERBANK COMMUNITY CENTER, 3600 SANTA FE, RIVERBANK
HOURS: SAT 10:00AM-6:00PM SUN 10:00AM-4:00PM FREE ADMISSION
BOURSE: DOUG DANIELS, P O BOX 691, RIVERBANK, CA 95367 or 209-869-6008

AUGUST 16, 1998 (SUNDAY) FREMONT
FREMONT COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW
ELKS HALL 38991 FARWELL DRIVE FREMONT
BOURSE: VINCE LACARIERE PO BOX 1401 FREMONT CA 94538

SEPTEMBER 13, 1998 (SUNDAY) VENTURA FREE ADMISSION HOURS 9AM TO 5PM
VENTURA COUNTY COIN CLUB 38TH ANNUAL COIN-A-RAMA
COIN AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW---SHERATON FOUR POINTS HOTEL
1050 SCHOONER DRIVE, VENTURA FREE PARKING
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT GARY F BRUKETTA AT 805-486-9851 OR
VENTURA COUNTY COIN CLUB, P O BOX 3263, VENTURA, CA 93006

SEPTEMBER 27, 1998 (SUNDAY) FAIRFIELD
FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB 9TH ANNUAL COIN AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW
SILVER JUBILEE TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER, ASSEMBLY ROOM HOURS 9AM TO 4PM
1100 KENTUCKY (AT Pennsylvania) DOWNTOWN FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER
BOURSE: BILL BARTZ 707-435-8751 OR PO BOX 944 FAIRFIELD CA 94533
EXHIBITS: STAN TURRINI PO BOX 4104, VALLEJO CA 94590 OR
707-453-6277 WEEKDAYS ONLY

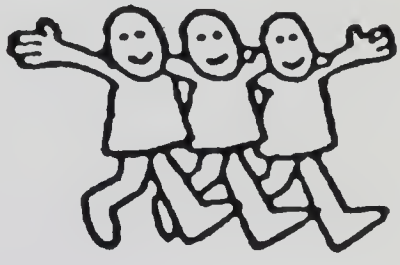
OCTOBER 10 -11, 1998 (SAT & SUN) SACRAMENTO (DOWNTOWN)
SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB (SVCC) 41ST ANNUAL FALL COIN-A-RAMA
SACRAMENTO CONVENTION CCENTER EX HALL E, 1400 J Street
DEALER SET UP FRIDAY OCTOBER 9 3—8PM
SHOW HOURS SAT: 10AM TO 6PM SUN : 10AM TO 4PM
BOURSE: DAVID HERR PO Box 160122 Sacramento CA 95816 530-885-9050

OCTOBER 17-18, 1998 (SAT & SUN) STOCKTON
DELTA COIN CLUB 34th ANNUAL COIN SHOW
Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street ADMISSION: FREE
INFO: RUBEN SMITH III, P O Box 5787, Stockton CA 95205 209-982-5961 (Eves)

OCTOBER 24-25, 1998 (SAT & SUN) FRESNO
FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY 31st ANNUAL COIN SHOW
Las Palmas Masonic Hall, 2992 Clinton Avenue ADMISSION $1
BOURSE: Ruth Phillips, 227 N Duke Ave Fresno CA 93727

NOVEMBER 8, 1998 (Sunday) EL CAJON 10AM TO 4PM
HEARTLAND COIN CLUB SHOW
EL CAJON MASONIC LODGE, 695 BALLANTYNE ST, EL CAJON
BOURSE: KEN STEMPIEN, 1826 TRESEDER CIRCLE, EL CAJON, CA 92019
OR 619-442-7021

NOVEMBER 29, 1998 (SUNDAY) CONCORD 9AM TO 4PM
DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY SECOND ANNUAL
CONTRA COSTA COIN SHOW-CONCORD VETERANS
MEMORIAL BUILDING, 2290 WILLOW PASS ROAD
AT COLFAX, IN DOWNTOWN CONCORD
INFO: MIKE STANLEY AT 510-825-0649



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